

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

BRYAN W., )  
PLAINTIFF, )  
v. ) Civil Action No. 3:21-cv-00283  
KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ) Magistrate Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr.  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL )  
SECURITY, )  
Defendant. )  
)

**ORDER**

This cause coming before the Court on the joint motion of the parties, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Parties' Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Doc. #13) is accepted, and the Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$3,500.00 and costs in the amount of \$0, for a total award of \$3,500.00;
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a preexisting debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the EAJA award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff; and
3. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: September 27, 2022

s/Peter B. Silvain, Jr.

Peter B. Silvain, Jr.

United States Magistrate Judge